CHAPTER X.—DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

(i) Education.

Institutions.

920. An event of great importance was the merger of seven Taluks of the Bellary District with the State from 1st October 1953 and consequent assumption of control of all Educational institutions in the merged areas. Consequently the year witnessed further strides in the field of education and there was an all-round increase in different grades of Public Institutions including the literacy classes conducted by the Mysore State Adult Education Council. On 31st March 1954, there were 12,646 (11,844) Public Institutions and 2,396 (1,809) Adult Literacy Classes with a total enrolment of 9;09,657 (8,68,914) and 39,586 (34,192) pupils respectively.

921. The following statement shows the classification of institutions by managements for boys and girls with their strength as on 31st March 1954 (includes the adult literacy classes also).

Management	Boys' Schools		Girls' Schools		Total	
	No. of Schools	Strength	No. of Schools	Strength	No. of Schools	Strength
1. Central Government.	2	270	...	...	2	270
2. State Government	9,518	6,24,784	664	82,054	10,182	7,06,838
3. District Board ...	341	29,490	...	...	341	29,490
4. Municipal ...	93	26,497	8	1,491	101	27,988
5. Aided ...	3,999	1,49,948	349	28,799	4,348	1,78,727
6. Unaided ...	60	4,927	8	1,003	68	5,930
Total ...	14,018	8,35,916	1,024	1,13,327	15,042	9,49,243

General.

922. Including the recently merged area of Bellary, the percentage of pupils under instruction in all Public Institutions (excluding the literacy classes) to the total estimated population of school-going age of 26,89,200 was 35·30 (35·85), 47·85 (48·37) for boys and 22·07 (22·66) for girls. On an average, there was one school (excluding

literacy classes) for an area of 2·63 (2·49) square miles and for every 833 (802) persons.

High Schools.

923. There was an increase in the number of high schools during the year. The number of high schools increased from 222 to 245 and their total strength from 68,289 to 74,196. The District Boards in the State which have taken up the question of starting high schools under their management, opened two more high schools during the year, and with the addition of six District Board Schools of Bellary, the number of District Board Schools in the State was 53. Three more Government High Schools, one for boys and two for girls, in the Bellary District have increased the total number of Government High Schools to 44 (31 for boys and 13 for girls) during the year. In addition, three Municipal High Schools and five Aided High Schools, including the one European Girls' High School in Bellary have come under the control of the Department. Further, two Schools, *viz.*, Mothiveerappa High School, Davangere, and Mahatma Gandhi High School, Kunigal, under private management were taken over by Government.

Middle Schools.

924. There were 732 middle schools with an enrolment of 1,26,949 pupils as against 712 with a strength of 1,30,967. The increase in the number of middle schools was due to the conversion of New Type Middle Schools into Pucca Middle Schools during the year, and one Middle School for girls at Bellary has increased the number of Girls' Schools by one during the year. In addition, there were 8 Senior Basic Schools, with an enrolment of 1,586 pupils in the State, the increase being due to the inclusion of five Private Schools of Bellary.

New Type Middle Schools.

925. The Scheme of sanctioning of the New Middle Schools with a view to providing Middle School Education in rural parts is being continued, and the number of New Type Middle Schools in the State during the year increased from 697 schools with a total strength of 1,15,608 pupils (79,333 boys and 36,275 girls), (48,079 pupils in Middle School Classes and 67,529 in Primary Classes) to 753 schools with a total strength of 1,19,213 pupils (80,793 boys and 38,420 girls; 48,084 in Middle School Classes and 71,129 in Primary Classes). This includes 24 Higher Elementray Schools of Bellary District with a strength of

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4,606 pupils (3,754 boys and 852 girls). On an average, there were 69 pupils studying in Middle School Classes of every New Type Middle School when there were 173 pupils for every Pucca Middle School. The number of pupils studying in Middle School Sections of New Type Middle Schools formed 25·31 (26·85) per cent of the total number of pupils in all Middle School classes.

Primary Education.

926. The expansion of Primary Education was continued in the State by opening additional schools in Rural Areas and 59 new schools including six for Urban Areas, were sanctioned.

927. The Scheme of full compulsion initiated in the nine District Head-quarter Taluks of the State is being continued.

928. The number of Lower Primary Schools excluding the New Type Middle Schools in the State increased from 9,821 to 10,488 and the enrolment from 5,08,709 pupils including 1,77,722 girls to 5,38,436 pupils including 1,89,697 girls. The increase in the number of schools during the year, was due to the addition of 463 Lower Elementary Schools of the Bellary District, where the Elementary Education is mostly under the management of the Local and Municipal Boards and private bodies in contrast to the other areas of the State. The increase is also due to the opening of 197 single Teacher Schools in the Rural parts of the State under the Emergency Scheme sponsored by the Government of India.

Adult Education.

929. The Mysore State Adult Education Council continued its activities by conducting 2,398 (1,809) (including 30 Adult Night Schools of Bellary) literacy classes during the year. The total number of persons under instruction was 39,586 as against 34,192 in the previous year and the number of persons made literate was 26,917 as against 32,541 in the previous year.

930. The number of new Libraries started in rural parts during the year was 77 (38) bringing the total number of Rural Libraries to 2,231.

931. The Annual Government grant to the Council continued to be Rs. 5 lakhs for the year.

932. The following statement shows the number and percentage of students in different grades in public institutions.

Kind of Institutions	No. of pupils			Percentage		
	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total
University including Central Government Research Institutions and Military School	18,347	2,650	20,997	2·78	0·92	2·21
Oriental Colleges ...	881	100	981	0·13	0·03	0·11
High Schools ..	67,196	17,000	74,196	8·66	5·88	7·82
Middle Schools including Senior Basic Schools.	97,306	31,229	1,28,535	14·74	10·81	13·54
Primary Schools including Junior Basic and Nursery Schools.	4,35,611	2,30,604	6,66,215	65·98	79·79	70·18
Special Schools including literacy classes.	50,883	7,436	58,319	7·71	2·57	6·14
Total ..	6,60,224	2,89,019	9,49,243	100·00	100.00	100 00

933. The average daily attendance of pupils in all public institutions including literacy classes was 7,72,721 or 81·4 per cent of the total strength as against 7,33,279 or 81·4 per cent in the previous year.

934. The number of separate institutions for the Education of the Depressed Class Students was 481 (479) for boys including 5 for Scheduled Tribes exclusively opened under Article 275 (1) of the Constitution and two for girls during the year and their strength was 17,960 (17,066) of whom 7,634 boys and 3,349 girls belonged to the Depressed Classes as against 7,600 boys and 5,055 girls during the previous year. In addition, there were 75,017 (75,818) pupils (54,728 boys and 20,289 girls) in general schools making on the whole, a total of 86,000 pupils (62,362 boys and 22,881 girls) as against 86,817 (63,936 boys and 22,881 girls) pupils of the above communities in the previous year in all the institutions. The very small decrease in the number of Depressed Class pupils in the educational institutions is perhaps partly due to the general decline in the strength of educational institutions noticed during the year. Education of the Depressed Classes.

935. A special feature under this item was the opening of three more separate Primary Schools ; one at Penjahalli, Heggadadevanakote Taluk, another at Budibadaga, Chamarajanagar Taluk of Mysore District with Hostels attached to them and one more at Kundagal, Hosanagar Taluk,

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Shimoga District, for the Scheduled Tribes under the Development Scheme for the educational advancement of these tribes.

Muslim Education.

936. The number of separate Elementary Schools including New Type Middle Schools for the Education of Muslim boys and girls was 1,252 (1,007 for boys and 245 for girls), with a total strength of 73,992 (37,551 boys and 36,441 girls), of whom 37,474 boys and 35,651 girls belonged to the Muslim Community. In addition, there were 75 Urdu Middle Schools (59 for boys and 16 for girls) with a total strength of 8,278 pupils (5,773 boys and 2,505 girls) of whom 4,603 boys and 2,163 girls belonged to the community. Further, there was one Municipal High School in Bellary in Urdu as medium of instruction in Middle School Classes and lower with a total strength of 388 pupils. Thus, altogether, there were 1,328 separate schools for the education of Muslims with a total strength of 82,658 pupils (43,712 boys and 38,946 girls) of whom 42,465 boys and 37,814 girls belonged to the Muslim Community.

937. The following statement shows the number and strength of the several kinds of Public Institutions including colleges under the control of the University.

Kind of Institutions	Number of Institutions.	Strength.
1. Lower Primary Schools including New Type Middle Schools for boys.	10,638	5,87,702
Do Girls	603	69,947
2. Middle Schools for Boys	622	1,04,875
Do Girls	110	22,574
3. High School for Boys	203	59,466
Do Girls	42	14,730
4. Samskrita Schools	79	2,821
5. Orient (Samskrita and Hindi) Colleges ...	5	981
6. Adult Literacy Classes	2,396	39,586
7. Commercial Schools	68	5,739
8. Industrial and Technical Schools	21	2,768
9 Agricultural Schools	2	103
10. Training Institutions	13	1,989
11. Special Schools for Handicapped	1	79
12. Nursery Schools	64	3,747
13. Basic Schools	123	10,152
14. Other schools (including Engineering and Medical, etc.) ;	14	1,987
15. Military School	1	180
16. Colleges for Men and Women (including professional and Centrally administered Research Institutions and the Indian Institute of Science.)	36	20,817
17 University	1	...
Total ...	15,042	9,49,243

Education of Women.

938. The number of separate institutions including literacy classes for the Education of women increased from 968 schools with a strength of 1,08,519 pupils including 5,181 boys to 1,024 with a total enrolment of 1,13,327 pupils inclusive of 5,588 boys. The increase in the number of institutions was due to the opening of more literacy classes by the Mysore State Adult Education Council. There was a small decrease in the number of primary schools but the decrease was not due to any fall in the actual number of schools but due to reclassification of schools according to stages, *i.e.*, Lower and Higher Elementary in Civil Area. There were 260 literacy classes exclusively for women with an enrolment of 3,648 Adults. In addition, 1,81,280 girls were studying in boys' schools making a total of 2,,89,019 girls under instruction in the State as against 2,70,274 in the previous year and forming 30·45 per cent of the total number of pupils attending all types of educational institutions. The increase in the number of girls under instruction over the previous year was 18,745 and this was due to the inclusion of the strength of girl pupils in the schools of Bellary District.

939. The results of the Mysore S.S.L.C. and other Examinations in respect of girl candidates were as follows :—

Kind of Examinations	Number		Percentage
	Appeared	Passed	
1. Mysore S.S.L.C. March 1954	3,107	1,970	63·41
Do Sep. 1954	725	383	52·84
2. Samskrita Examinations	83	55	66·27
3. Teachers Training ...	232	151	65·09

Scholarships.

940. Liberal amounts were made available for the award of Scholarships to pupils studying in High, Middle and New Type Middle Schools and Oriental Colleges. The distribution was as follows :—

941. Backward Communities (excluding Muslims) Rs. 2,36,146, Depressed Classes Boys Rs. 72,855, Muslims Rs. 8,100, Merit Rs. 1,080, Special Rs. 22,488, Samskrita Education Rs. 17,861, Military Rs. 33,145, Girls Rs. 32,300 including Rs. 5,120 for Muslim Girls, Rs. 4,500 for Malnad Scholarships, Rs. 1,260 for other scholarships and

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Rs. 27,340 for stipends, etc., in Training Institutions. In all a sum of Rs. 4,57,075 has been provided for the purpose in the Budget for the year.

Free Studentships.

942. The number of pupils receiving Government Scholarships was 4,644 in High Schools and 4,152 in Middle Schools. In addition, 14,389 (11,294) pupils including all scholarship holders enjoyed fee-concessions in the High Schools of the State.

Results of the Public Examinations.

943. One notable feature in the system of Examination was that the Middle School and Upper Primary Public Examinations were abolished with effect from March 1954 and Class Examinations for purposes of promotion to the 1st Year High School Class were ordered to be continued.

944. The following statement shows the results of the several public examinations.

Public Examinations held during 1953-54.

Examination	Number		Percentage of passes
	Appeared	Passed	
1. Mysore S.S.L.C. Examination of March '54...	19,694	10,690	54·28
Do Sept. '54 ...	6,011	3,127	52·02
2. Teachers' Certificate Examination ...	744	469	63·04
3. Samskrita Examinations ...	873	497	55·78
4. Commercial Examinations,			
November 1953 ...	1,770	712	40·25
May 1954 ...	3,692	1,389	27·62

Bharat Scouts and Guides.

945. The total strength of the movement under the various branches of Scouting as on 31st March 1954 was 32,105 (32,595). The usual grant of Rs. 50,000 per annum was made to the Bharat Scouts and Guides. Most of the Districts had arranged a number of Service Centres and have done appreciable work in the amelioration of rural population.

2. A number of Preliminary, Advanced and Petrol leaders' trainings were held in the State and 200 teachers were trained.

3. In April 1953, a World Guiders' training was held in Ceylon and was attended by 2 delegates from Bangalore.

4. The State Association conducted on an extensive scale in each district a number of "Shramadan and Social Service Camps" (Scout Service Projects) and 14 such camps were held during the year and works of an aggregate value of Rs. 1,20,000 were done by scouts in collaboration with ryots;

5. A strong and representative contingent of 180 Scouts participated in the First All-India Jamboree held in Secunderabad between 29th December 1953 and 2nd January 1954.

6. A Commissioners' Training Course was held in October 1953 at Doddaballapur and 11 candidates underwent training.

946. Inspection, was in force in the Corporation Area of Bangalore City and in Mysore City and in 145 mofussil centres. Eighty-six thousand and thirty-four pupils including 5,936 girls were examined. Of these, 10,725 pupils including 516 girls were treated for various ailments. The Chief Medical Inspector of Schools has reported that the children examined suffer from malnutrition and the number of such pupils being 3,683 and stressed the need for intensive and co-ordinated work in the earlier years of school-life and setting up of school clinics for follow-up work. Medical Inspection.

(ii) Encouragement to Authors.

947. Thirty-seven applications for subvention were received from Editors of Books and Publishers of Journals and subventions in all the 37 cases were sanctioned to the extent of Rs. 1,995-8-0 during the year.

948. In the competition for Devaraja Bahadur Charity literary prizes, 10 books and 6 manuscripts were received. Of these, 9 books were selected for review. A Committee is appointed to judge the works received and to award prizes.

949. The total number of volumes in the Education and Office Libraries attached to the Office of the Director of Public Instruction at the close of the year was 5,729 (5,685) and 2,138 (2,121), respectively. There were 2 Public Libraries at Bangalore and Mysore for which grants amounting to Rs. 5,000 and Rs. 4,000 respectively were paid during the year. Additional grants from other sources like Municipality, etc , were also received during the year. There were 36 Public Libraries and Reading Rooms in the State receiving Government grant. A sum of Rs. 14,415 (Rs. 17,395) has been sanctioned as grant-in-aid to all these libraries. Libraries.